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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR DIR. GRAIN & FEED DIV. FROM AGRIC ATTACHE

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SUBJ: FOODGRAIN ARRIVALS

REF: DACCA 2989

1. CHITTAGONG SITUATION DISCUSSED WITH PORT CHAIRMAN, CONTROLLER OF MOVEMENT AND STORAGE, DIRECTOR OF BANGLADESH TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP, REPRESENTATIVES OF SHIPPERS AND OTHER JUNE 19 AND 20. SECTIONS OF PORT HANDLING FOODGRAINS VISITED. ON BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS, IT APPEARS THAT THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOODGRAINS ALREADY ARRIVED AND THOSE STILL EXPECTED CAN BE HANDLED IF PRESENT ALL OUT EFFORT CONTINUES AND THE MINIBULKERS CONTINUE TO OPERATE. LARGE VESSELS (THAT CANNOT ENTER PORT AREA AND DEPENDENT ON LIGHTERS) FACING DELAYS AND EXPECT SLIPPAGES IN HANDLING VESSELS FROM LIST FORWARD BD-5023.

2. MOST IMPRESSIVE STEP HAS BEEN CONVERSION LARGE GODOWNS PIERS 14 AND 15 INTO BULK STORAGE BY USE VACUATORS FROM SHIPS BLOWING THE GRAIN FROM THE SHIP THROUGH PIPES HELD UP BY A FOREST OF BAMBOO POLES TO THE GODOWNS. WHEAT WILL BE BAGGED AND SHIPPED OUT BY RAIL, TRUCK AND COASTERS. HOPE MAINTAIN STORAGE AT MINIMUM 60,000 MT WHEAT.

3. CHITTAGONG SILO IN OPERATION AND HOPEFUL MAINTAIN STANDSTILL

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WITH AVERAGE 3,000 MT/DAY IN AND 2,500 MT TO 5,000 MT DAY OUT SO

THAT CAPACITY OF 100,000 MT NOT REACHED.

4. ABOUT 50 PERCENT ARRIVALS GOING THROUGH PORT. OF THIS CURRENT
SHIPMENTS FROM PORT BY RAIL, TRUCK AND COASTER AVERAGING 5,500 MT
PER DAY.

5. DETAILED REPORT WILL BE AIRPOUCHED.
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